

New Orleans Inquiry

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Garrison Arrests

Leading Businessman

NEW ORLEANS, La. (UPI) — A New Orleans business leader described by an associate as an "admirer" of President Kennedy was arrested Wednesday in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's investigation of the Kennedy assassination and booked on a charge of "conspiracy to commit murder."

Garrison said he would file an information detailing the charge, probably Thursday, charging **Clay Shaw, 54**, "with participation in a conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy."

The 6-foot-4-inch Shaw, a well-known New Orleans resident, was booked at New Orleans' central lockup three hours after

Clay Shaw not known to
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his arrest was announced, and then released on \$10,000 bond.

SHAW, WHO retired as managing director of the New Orleans International Trade Mart in 1963, was subpoenaed by Garrison and questioned for more than four and one half hours before his arrest was announced.

"Mr. Shaw will be charged with participation in a conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy," Garrison said in a statement handed to reporters at his office.

A former associate of Shaw's at the trade mart, Jesse Core, now a New Orleans public relations man, described him as "a political liberal very admiring of President Kennedy" who wore a Kennedy button in the election of 1960.

Shaw was followed by hordes of reporters as he was taken from Garrison's office to the New Orleans central lockup, and as he made bond and left shortly after 10 p.m.

Accompanied by his lawyer, Edward Wegmann, he looked straight ahead and said nothing to anyone, except to tell the officer at the release desk, "Thank you," when he left.

Shaw, a robust man with silvery hair and blue eyes, and a decorated soldier in World War II, wore a neat brown suit and striped tie. He was visibly shaken.

GARRISON DID not elaborate on Shaw's alleged connection with the conspiracy the district attorney says he has uncovered in New Orleans preceding the Kennedy assassination in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

Shaw and **James R. Lewallen, 38**, a quality control inspector for the Boeing Co. at a Saturn rocket plant in New Orleans, were the first two men subpoenaed in the probe.

Lewallen left the district attorney's office after lengthy questioning earlier Wednesday.

Shaw was questioned for more than four and one half hours. At 6:30 p.m., aides in Garrison's office handed the statement to reporters. It said:

"The first arrest has been made in the investigation of the New Orleans district attorney's office into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

"Arrested this evening in the district attorney's office was Clay Shaw, age 54, of 1313 Daphne St., New Orleans, La.

"Mr. Shaw will be charged with participation in a conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy.

"It should be pointed out, however, that the nature of this case is not conducive to an immediate succession of arrests at this time. However, other arrests will be made at a later date."

The booking was on a general charge which did not list a time or the intended victim of the conspiracy. Asst. Dist. Atty. Alvin Oser said Garrison Thursday would list these specifics in his bill of information.

Shaw, a robust, athletic-looking man with silvery hair, wearing a brown suit and brown striped tie, was taken down the hall from Garrison's office with a crowd of reporters streaming behind. He was taken down in an elevator to the basement, and put into a tan Cadillac sedan to be driven one block to the lockup.



Associated Press Wirephoto

Clay Shaw . . . former manager of International Trade Mart in New Orleans arrested in District Attorney Garrison's Inquiry into assassination.

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SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE (1)
JIM GARRISON
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Sir:

The attached news paper clippings regarding SUBJECTS investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy were taken from the Dallas Times Herald dated March 1, 1967 and the Dallas Morning News dated March 2, 1967.

Respectfully submitted,

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Editorials

More Facts, Less Doubting

THE STRANGE investigation of New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison into the assassination of President Kennedy has raised more questions than answers and it is high time he did more than issue statements.

Only the fact that Garrison is an elected official, a prosecutor with the weight of a fact-finding organization behind him, gives him any stature among the many critics of the Warren Commission findings.

In the short time since he rocketed into the headlines, Garrison has made many extreme statements, including saying flatly he does not concede that Lee Harvey Oswald killed anyone in Dallas.

He also claimed pilot David W. Ferrie had committed suicide, although a coroner reported Ferrie died as a result of a bursting blood vessel and could not possibly have caused his own death.

In the light of continued press conferences and investigations, the American public can only ask a few questions:

If Garrison sincerely believes he has found evidence of an assassination plot,

why does he not work with the FBI and other law enforcement agencies in completing his case?

If there is enough evidence to warrant a continuation of his investigation, why is it necessary to seek funds from private individuals, who reportedly have pledged huge sums to permit secret detective work?

If Garrison has found links between anti-Castro groups operating in New Orleans and the assassination, how does he fit Oswald into the puzzle, since Oswald was known to be pro-Castro?

If Oswald "did not kill anyone in Dallas" how does an elected prosecutor ignore the facts established by officers on the scene and the conclusions drawn by the Warren Commission?

It is our belief that the American people, along with Garrison, want to know the truth behind the assassination. The Warren report has not been seriously challenged by any of its many publicity hungry detractors.

If Garrison has specific facts and not mere conjectures, he should proceed with the full help of all available agencies. If he does not, he does a disservice by spreading doubt from a position of trust and responsibility.

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JFK Death Probe Figure Missing

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A man wanted by the district attorney for questioning today in the President Kennedy assassination probe stayed away from his home during the night, apparently missing officers who tried to serve him with a subpoena.

"He probably went to stay with friends," said his mother.

A James Lewallen was named yesterday in a subpoena issued by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison in his first overt legal maneuver since starting the controversial investigation last October.

Garrison's office declined to disclose information about Lewallen in its brief announcement. But Dist. Judge Bernard Baggett, who signed the subpoena, said Lewallen had refused to take a lie detector test and that the subpoena was issued to require him to report to Garrison's office today to make a statement.

The city directory identified the only James Lewallen listed as an inspector at the Boeing Co. and gave his residence as 400D Paris Ave.

At that address, a woman who identified herself as Lewallen's mother refused to give her son's whereabouts or to say whether he would appear before the district attorney.

She said that she had known David William Ferris, 45, found dead in bed last Wednesday and who Garrison claims committed suicide while under investigation in the assassination probe.

Dr. Nicholas Chaita, the Orleans Parish coroner, gave an official ruling yesterday that Ferris died of "natural causes," killed by high blood pressure which burst a weak vein at the base of his brain. Chaita added, "There is no indication of violence of any kind, certainly not murder or suicide."

Mrs. Lewallen refused to answer most questions about her son. She said she was sure her son did not know Lee Harvey Oswald.

Ferris, shortly before he died, denied ever knowing Oswald, the former New Orleans resident named by the Warren Commission as the sniper who killed Kennedy in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

Garrison Investigation Questioned

WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — Atty. General designate Ramsey Clark says the Warren Commission's investigation of President Kennedy's assassination was "the most comprehensive ever made" and he sees no reason to reopen it.

Clark was asked at a press conference his reaction to the investigation being conducted by New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison.

"It is very difficult for me to see him a law enforcement official who really believes that he has any evidence would fail at his first opportunity to turn the evidence over to the FBI or Secret Service," Clark replied. He said he does not know what evidence Garrison has.

"If he has anything, of which I am doubtful, he has a responsibility and duty to turn it over to people who have the authority of higher investigation," he stated.

Clark also told the press he considers FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover a "great man who has made a great contribution to government."

Aked if he would make any change in the administration of the FBI, he said, "certainly not."

Shaw: Man of Means And 'Restoration Society'

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP)—The first man arrested in the district attorney's Kennedy assassination investigation is a tall, rugged-looking man of means who has lived quietly in a luxurious home in the Vieux Carré—the French Quarter.

A high white wall shields the residence at 1313 Dauphine St., where Clay Shaw, 54, has lived for years. Owner of two buildings in the French Quarter, Shaw has been called a "1-man restoration society" for his numerous projects in the old section of New Orleans.

A former decorated Army major who is said to speak four languages fluently, Shaw was managing director of New Orleans' International Trade Mart for 18 years until his retirement in 1965.

A handsome man with tight curling silver hair, Shaw is a man who obviously loves luxury. He is credited with having installed the first swimming pool in the Vieux Carré. Edged with a brick coping and ornamented with statuary, the pool created a local sensation and started a trend.

His REMODELED carriage house on Dauphine St. once was littered with rubble. Shaw transformed it into a beautiful place to live. A small fountain bubbles in its enclosed patio, and two walls of the large living room are covered in pale green silk.

A fellow resident of the Vieux Carré described Shaw as a "quiet, interesting, intelligent person."

Shaw recently traveled to Mexico and Spain, friends said, and he was in the process of translating a Spanish playwright's drama from Spanish to English at the time of his arrest. Shaw himself was a sometime playwright.

Shaw detested violence, the associate said, and once said: "I wouldn't have one (gun) in the house. If they got rid of all the guns in the world, the world would be a better place in which to live."

SHAW WAS BORN in Kentwood, La., a small town just below the Mississippi border. His grandfather, Clay Shaw, was sheriff of Tangipahoa Parish (county) which was known as "bloody Tangipahoa" because of violence that was commonplace there.

The Shaw family moved to New Orleans when Clay Shaw was five years old.

During World War II, Shaw served as aide-de-camp to Brig. Gen. C. O. Thrasher in England, and during the battle of France was Thrasher's deputy chief of staff.

He was named a chevalier of the Order of the Crown of Belgium and the French government bestowed on him the distinction of "Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite Commercial." He was discharged in 1946 with the rank of major. After working for a short time in New York City, he returned to New Orleans.

AT A TESTIMONIAL dinner late in September, 1965, Shaw was honored for his work as director of the Trade Mart starting in 1947. Shaw had submitted his resignation to pursue personal interests and manage his real estate holdings.

At the dinner, sponsored by Trade Mart President Lloyd J. Cobb, former Councilman Joseph Dirosa presented Shaw with the International Order of Merit of the City of New Orleans.

The March issue of Town and Country magazine lists Shaw—along with Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison—as one of the 35 most important men in New Orleans.

News Learns

Dallas Lawmen Know Nothing Of Clay Shaw

Dallas law officials told The Dallas News Wednesday that they don't know Clay Shaw, arrested in New Orleans under Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

"The name doesn't mean anything to me," said Dist. Atty. Henry Wade. "I don't know him. I don't know whether he's been interviewed by the FBI or the Secret Service or anybody. I don't even know who the man is."

Assistant Dist. Atty. Bill Alexander voiced the same thought: "We don't know anything about it."

Sheriff Bill Decker said he didn't know Shaw either.

"That's his (Garrison's) business," Decker said. "I'm not going to do anything about it. He says the whole thing happened down there, so we're going to leave it alone until we know something."

Garrison's office announced Wednesday that Shaw, 54, had been arrested after he had been questioned in the district attorney's office. Shaw's connection was not immediately explained.

Shaw was identified as the former director of New Orleans' International Trade Mart.